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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Houston

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SUBJECT : Copyright Clause in [ ] Study

1. Article 20, entitled "COPYRIGHTS," in the contract appears to be the standard Government copyright article. The copyright of this study in the name of [ ] is in accordance with usual Government policy founded on the desirability of disseminating knowledge and information. 25X1A5a1

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2. When the [ ] contract was negotiated, I inserted a special copyright clause which I had drafted, giving the Government all rights to the studies and providing that the contractor could not take out a copyright or exercise any other rights of ownership in the study without specific Government permission. However, [ ] objected strongly to this provision, and, after consideration and discussion with the appropriate officials in the Agency, it was decided to insert the normal Government copyright clause.

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2. I have leafed through the study by [ ]  
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authorized by the Director. However, this general subject should be considered further since it may be that the standard Government copyright clause fails to meet the needs of this Agency where studies on highly sensitive matters are involved.

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